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SUBJECT: BRIEFING TAIWAN ON THE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT ON
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Classified By: Director Bill Stanton for reasons 1.4(b/d)

¶1. (C) The Director briefed National Security Council Secretary General Su Chi on the contents of reftel during a December 1 conversation. The United States would commit significant new additional civilian and military resources to the region, but this would not be an open-ended commitment, the Director stressed. The military mission in Afghanistan would be narrow, time-limited, and clearly defined. While noting the special nature of the U.S.-Taiwan relationship, the Director emphasized that Taiwan was being briefed on the new strategy in the same way the United States was informing countries with which the United States had formal diplomatic relations. He urged Taiwan to offer public support for the President's strategy and agreed to share the entire text of his address as soon as it was available. Su expressed appreciation for the briefing, but had no other substantive comments. In a follow-up conversation with AIT Pol Chief, Su said he had shared the message with Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou.
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